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Andrea,

With all due respect, you seem to often suggest that it is unusual that Ken Wangerud has one site. The reality is that many of our complex sites have one RPM who has no other site assignments. For example, during the entirety of the Eureka Mills project, Paula Schmittiel managed that site and nothing else. At this time, if I had someone else to assign VB-I70 to, I would do that and let Paula focus entirely on the Upper Animas. Sandra Bourgeois works only on Hill AFB. Same for Greg Hargreaves at RMA. And Linda Kiefer is assigned “only” Cal Gulch. I could provide more examples of solo players. The Libby Site has often had as many as 5 full-time RPMs. On the other hand, Armando Saenz has 11 sites. There is no correct number of RPMs per site or vice versa. We evaluate the needs of each site and the skills of each RPM and make assignments accordingly. Often we make adjustments.

I know that your attorneys have multiple site assignments—many more than RPMs or OSCs. But the work is very different and the time demands of sitework for an RPM are quite different than for an attorney. I’m not asking that you cease from giving me your input on all manner of topics related to our work. I just wanted to share my perspective with you.

Bill